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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:  
Nicholas Gerard Byrne et al.  
  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the detailed Office Action mailed September 14, 2005, in the above identified application.